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Ku Kluxers Plot New Attacks In School Segregation Battle

Can the "Silent Treatment" Curb Sen. McCarthy?

By David L. Weiss
SWP Candidate for Governor of New York

News stories appear every day in the capitalist press reporting that some candidate or other of the Republican or Democratic Party has announced that McCarthy is no longer news. In New York State, headlines were made when the Democratic candidate for Governor, Harriman, agreed with the Republican candidate, Ives, that neither would talk about McCarthy or allow McCarthyism to become an issue in the campaign.

The real meaning of this constant refrain (McCarthy is not an issue, let's not even talk about him) is revealed by Scripps-Howard reporter, Jack Steele, Oct. 7: "Neither party is quite sure whether he (McCarthy) is now a political asset or liability. And neither wants to risk making him a big issue this fall to find out."

That's the real extent of the "anti-McCarthyism" of the capitalist parties. The Republicans try to keep McCarthy under wraps until they are sure he is an "asset." As for the Democrats, since 1954, they cringed and wilted every time McCarthy bellowed at them. Now they "are not sure" whether it is safe to take a firm stand against the Wisconsin fascist in the elections.

Reports of a McCarthyite-Taft Republican bloc in New Jersey indicates a conscious "defeatist" strategy of the McCarthyites in relation to the Republicans of that state. McCarthy is jockeying himself into a position where he will be able to say: "The Republicans lost because they were 'soft' on Communism."

The GOP high command is worried not only about the souring of "grass roots" McCarthyites. They are mainly worried by the shift of workers and farmers to the Democrats who are politically exploiting the growing economic difficulties of the working people.

Last November, the Republican strategists reacted to the early signs of this shift by conducting an unrestrained witch hunt. They went so far as to hurl the "spy protector" charge at ex-president Truman. At that time only a Congressional election in California was involved.

Now with control of the closely divided Congress at stake, and the 1956 presidential contest looming, will the Republicans sit tight and invite defeat without playing a desperate witch-hunt card?

McCarthy is laying low. He realizes that the time for a big frame-up, witch-hunt, smear-attack of Republicans against Democrats will be the last weeks and even days of the pre-election period. If the Republicans give him the slightest opening, he can in one swoop regain all lost ground and square away for the Senate debate on the Watkins censure proposal, with all the cards stacked in his favor.

Myra Weiss Hits Records of Ohio Democrats, GOP

CLEVELAND, Sept. 27—Senators Burke and Bricker of Ohio, one a Democrat and the other a Republican, were blasted for their support of the union-busting Butler Bill by SWP National Campaign Director Myra Tanner Weiss, at a public meeting here last night.

"The most important lesson the working people must learn during this year's election campaign," she said, "is that there is no fundamental difference between the Republicans and Democrats. Both are anti-labor."

But the worst treachery within the labor movement, the SWP spokesman said, is that of the "labor bureaucrats and Stalinists, who continue to tell workers to vote for liberal Democrats, for the men who voted to erase labor's legal gains of the past 20 years in the vain attempt to save their own skins from McCarthy's barbs!"

While Ohio's discriminatory election laws effectively bar all but politicians of the two old capitalist parties from the ballot, interest in a socialist alternative was demonstrated by the good attendance, the enthusiastic audience and appreciative contributions to the collection at the meeting for the National Campaign Director of the Socialist Workers Party.

A number of persons came to the meeting as the result of a news item which appeared in two of the local dailies announcing that a socialist leader was to speak.

Kutcher Speaks To Longshoremen In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24—**The high point of James Kutcher's tour in the Bay Area was his appearance at a huge meeting of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union, Local 10. This meeting took place just a few days after Congress passed the union-busting Communist Control Act.**

Kutcher is well known to the workers in the Bay Area. He has brought his message of struggle against the witch hunt to them before on a previous national tour. The fight of the legless veteran to be reinstated on his clerk's job in the Newark Veteran's Administration, from which he was fired for his socialist views, has received wide support in the San Francisco labor movement.

Kutcher thanked the Longshoremen for the unflinching support they had given his struggle since the beginning of the case. "If all the labor movement had supported me in the same way that you have," he said, "I would have my job back by now. In addition it would have meant the witch hunt would be much less dangerous than it is at the present time. **Only the unified action of the labor movement can stop the witch hunt and restore civil liberties to the victims."**

BOOK SOLD

After Kutcher spoke a motion was made and passed to allow a committee of four, who accompanied him, to circulate through the meeting and sell copies of Kutcher's book, "The Case of the Legless Veteran."

In a few minutes 124 copies were sold and it was necessary to secure a new supply. Reports have reached the Kutcher Defense Committee that those who bought the book have read it with great interest and are passing it on to their friends.

School Closed

School children in Milford, Del., read the "closed until further notice" sign on their school after threats of violence were made over admission of Negro pupils. Schools were later reopened but the violence started in Milford spread to Washington and Baltimore.

Kremlin Ordered Trotsky's Death, Court Decides

The Supreme Court of Mexico ruled unanimously, according to an Oct. 9 Associated Press dispatch from Mexico City, that there was "complete evidence" that Frank Jacson "was sent to Mexico by Communist agents specifically to kill Trotsky."

The ruling of the court came as part of a decision confirming the 20-year sentence imposed on the Stalinist assassin for murdering Leon Trotsky in 1940. The court rejected Jacson's appeal for a reduced sentence.

The court's action came in response to a move by Jacson's attorney aimed at clearing the way for consideration of parole.

Chances for parole are considered slim in view of the murderer's refusal to reveal his real identity or to express penitence for the cold-blooded crime ordered by the Kremlin.

Ford Unionists Renew "30 for 40" Campaign

DETROIT, Oct. 4—The 55,000-member Ford Local 600 of the CIO United Automobile Workers has renewed its campaign for the 30-hour week at 40-hours' pay to combat unemployment. In the Oct. 2 Ford Facts, Ford union paper, the main front-page story reports the action of the recent AFL convention calling for a 35-hour week law by 1956 and reduction of the work-week ultimately to 30 hours.

Special stress is placed in the story on the decision of the recent convention of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to instruct all IBEW locals in future negotiations to demand the 30-hour week with no loss in weekly take-home pay.

Renewal of the giant Ford Local's campaign on this vital issue is considered particularly significant in view of CIO and UAW President Walter Reuther's continued public attacks on the shorter work week and his misrepresentations of the objectives of those who advocate it.

Reuther is advocating a so-called "guaranteed annual wage" plan he claims will protect the workers from unemployment. His scheme would do nothing for hundreds of thousands of auto workers already laid off. It also contains a guarantee to the corporations of a 40-hour week.

Pointing to the actions of the AFL and the IBEW to show that the shorter work-week is accepted by the most conservative union organizations as a desirable and realizable goal, Ford Facts chides those in the UAW (this appears to be directed at the Reutherites) who said:

"Those who use the demand for an immediate 30-hour week to capture a following within the Union know that it's unsound, impractical, unrealistic, and irresponsible. They know that it is a proposal to divide and weaken the union, to serve the Kremlin in its struggle against the free world, to reduce living standards and to postpone indefinitely fulfillment of the hopes of millions of low-income families for more of the good things of life."

The article also quotes a spokesman of Dodge Local 3 who had attacked the 30-hour week demand because "we are faced with a manpower shortage." Ford Facts notes that now 80 percent of the Dodge local have been laid off many months "and the other 20 percent (are) working a short week with a short pay check." It asks the above-quoted UAW leaders to "re-evaluate their position" and be prepared to join with all organized labor to "fight for the shorter work week with the same pay."

Cudahy Newport Plant Shut Down; 1200 Out of Jobs

By Vincent R. Dunne
SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator

NEWPORT, Minn., Oct. 5—An announcement by Cudahy Packing Co. on October 1 that their packing plant here would close down at once, plunged 1,200 workers and their families into the black pit of unemployment.

The decision was made without any regard for the workers, many of whom had been employed by the firm for more than 25 years.

Hundreds of heads of families are faced with the loss of their homes as well as their jobs. A single industry town, Newport becomes a ghost town in every sense of the word.

The same order from the millionaire packinghouse masters applied to several other packing-plant towns throughout the country. Taking on the new look of the anti-union bosses that has become fashionable of late, the announcement alluded to—"unproductive" units.

THREAT TO ST. PAUL

The union workers in the big South St. Paul packing center—just across the river from Newport — correctly look upon the Cudahy move as a threat to their jobs and union conditions.

Cudahy's action follows close on the heels of the shutting down of General Mills' Appliance Department plant in Minneapolis, where the company moved out from under the jobs of some 700 workers. An "unprofitable" line was discontinued for General Mills—but their employees were left on the rolls of the unemployed.

A united Congress of labor, with rank and file representation from all unions, is needed at once to halt this menacing trend. Only such a Congress can effectively deal with the Cudahys and their like, to solve the problem of unemployment!

Racist Demonstrators

White women picket Public School 22 in Baltimore protesting integration of Negro children. For the white supremacists, the demonstration served as pressure against the Supreme Court which meets Dec. 6 to consider enforcement of its anti-segregation decision.

KENTUCKY COPS FRAME BOMB VICTIM'S FRIENDS

The wave of bombings of Negro homes continues throughout the country. The series of bombings in Fort Worth, Texas and in Coronado (near Norfolk), Virginia remain "unsolved." On October 10 another bombing took place in Sacramento, Cal.

In most bombings the police hardly pretend to hunt for the racist criminals, nor do they disguise their hostility to the bombed Negro family for moving into the lily-white area. But a new pattern has emerged in Louisville, Kentucky. There arrests have been made, heavy sentences are threatened — but the arrested are the friends and defenders of the bombed-out Negro family.

The Louisville case is an unabashed frame-up in the McCarthyite style, intended to warn those who challenge housing segregation that they may not only be bombed but sent to prison as well.

Last May Andrew Wade decided to do something about his family's housing plight. He bought a home in a white area. He bought it through a white couple active in the fight against discrimination. When the Wades moved in racist elements in the area were furious. The next night a fiery cross was burned nearby, rocks were thrown through the windows and six shots were fired into the house.

When the police arrived they showed where they stood by arresting Wade and a friend. With no confidence in police protection Wade and his friends, a number of them white, organized a guard to watch the house at night. One of them Vernon Bown, who fought in Spain with the International Brigade, brought a portable radio to help pass away the long hours of vigil.

On June 27, despite the guard, a bomb shattered a wall and porch of the Wade home. District Attorney Scott Hamilton and the Grand Jury went right to work on the case, investigating — not the racist bombers but Wade's friends. Their houses were raided without warrant. "Subversive" literature was found and pictures of it displayed on the front pages of the newspapers. Their "subversive" connections with the Progressive Party, NAACP, and other organizations pried into by the Grand Jury. A fantastic Grade B movie story was concocted to imply that Bown's portable radio was somehow used to set off the bomb.

Over Wade's protests Bown has been indicted for the bombing and five other white friends of Wade have been indicted for sedition and face 21 year prison sentences

Negroes, Labor Must Fight Back

By George Lavan

As the smoke of the desegregation battle lifted from the border-state schools, it became possible to estimate the results and the strength of the opposing forces.

In the important cities of Baltimore and Washington, D. C., the white supremacists failed of their objective. In Greenbrier County, West Virginia, and in Milford, Delaware, they won.

The outcome in Baltimore and Washington is an advance for desegregation, but the racists have not been routed. Only the first engagement has been fought.

Integration is far from complete in those two cities. It is greatly limited by housing segregation and gerrymandering of the school districts. Retreat by the school authorities might be indicated by the statement of Washington School Superintendent Corning that "no such additional group movements (of students) to conform to new boundaries will be proposed or made for the remainder of this semester."

Analysis of the tactics of the opposing sides shows that the Ku Klux elements took and held the initiative throughout the disturbances. They took over the streets around the schools. Their sinister leaders from the deep South brazenly boasted of their plans before press conferences, TV cameras and mass meetings. Their Congressman, J. C. Davis of Georgia, a member of the committee which governs the District of Columbia, advised and bolstered school strikers.

The foes of segregation fought a defensive and apparently unorganized battle. Negro parents sent their children to school — an act of courage second only to that of their children. Individuals, both Negro and white, guarded and rescued Negro children from cowardly gangs. **Not a voice in the Negro community in either city was raised in a call for peace by a return to complete segregation. But Negro organizations and the labor movement made no attempt to organize any counter-action. Their leaders confined themselves to statements deploring the disturbances.**

It is significant that the white supremacists failed to mobilize a majority of the white students or their parents. The demonstrations were the work of a racist minority, but a very aggressive and by no means tiny minority. It is the urgent duty of the Negro and labor movements to win over the large uncommitted majority of the white population before the fascist forces make inroads.

Branches of the race-hating National Association for the Advancement of White People are now scattered throughout Washington and Baltimore. They will try to seize upon or invent school incidents to provoke more demonstrations. They want to destroy the integration already achieved locally or to prevent its completion. They realize the effect they can have on the coming struggle in the South where school segregation is untouched and on the Supreme Court which has not completed its decision on segregated schools.

The racists have not lost their boldness since their rebuff in Baltimore and Washington. Bryant W. Bowles, head of the NAAWP, defied the threat to arrest him in Delaware. Quickly bailed out, he made an anti-Negro, anti-Semitic speech to a victory mass meeting near Milford, Delaware, and received an ovation.

These first engagements in the border states are just the beginning of the battle against segregation which alone can translate the Supreme Court's words into reality.

The Scared Scientists and the Mad Scientists

By Art Preis

What the N. Y. Times calls an "extraordinary furor" has erupted over a new book, The Hydrogen Bomb, co-authored by James R. Shepley, chief of Time magazine's Washington Bureau, and Clay Blair, Jr.

The controversy in both governmental and scientific circles concerns the main theme of the book — that the H-bomb was delayed four years because of a conspiracy amounting to treason in the very top circles of government and among the leading atomic scientists.

The book claims that Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, known as the "father of the A-bomb," was the chief opponent of the H-bomb; that he was opposed to it on political grounds which, by inference, the authors relate to sympathy for "Communist" views; that Oppenheimer exercised such enormous influence in top governmental circles and the Atomic Energy Commission that "patriotic" scientists who favored development of the H-bomb were elbowed out of the picture; but that a "hero" scientist, Dr. Edward Teller, fought Oppenheimer and finally forced through the perfection of the newest atomic weapon for universal murder, the H-bomb.

RIDDLED BY EXPERTS

At first glance, it would seem that the book could be dismissed as a mish-mash of mis-information and political slander. Its central thesis is exploded by the fact that Dr. Teller, who was provided a special laboratory of his own to try to perfect an H-bomb, turned out a complete dud. But the accused atomic scientists at Los Alamos Laboratory, in the statement of its director Dr. Norris Bradbury, "developed EVERY SUCCESSFUL THERMONUCLEAR WEAPON THAT EXISTS TODAY" in this country. Almost all the leading atomic scientists have attacked the book, including Dr. Hans Bethe, who uncovered the thermonuclear fusion theory on which the H-bomb is based.

So many errors of fact, so much distortion, have been exposed in this book, that it would seem it could meet only ridicule. But that would be to completely misunderstand the impact and effect of the book in this period in America. **This book, in reality, is an extension of a thesis that has won millions of supporters throughout this country. It is McCarthy's thesis of "20 — or 21 years of treason" in the highest Democratic and Republican administrative circles. It is the keystone of American fascist demagogy.**

This is the fact that is noted and emphasized by Joseph and Stewart Alsop in their Oct. 3 column. "What is most false of all, however," they state, "is the theme or thesis of the book — that there was a sinister and evil plot behind the old debates about the hydrogen bomb, the tactical use of atomic weapons and continental air defense."

They point out that if this thesis were correct then we would have to believe that "the following men were either plotters or dupes: President Eisenhower's Ambassador to Germany, Dr. James Bryant Conant; the President's chief scientific advisor, Dr. Lee Dubridge; Adm. Lewis Strauss' chief scientific advisor, Dr. I. I. Rabi; two leading business men, Hartley Rowe and Oliver Buckley; two other eminent scientists, Enrico Fermi and Cyril Smith; and of course the grand scientific Svengali — Dr. Oppenheimer."

The Alsop brothers go on to say: "The solemn presentation of this thesis of the universal plot by two experienced Washington correspondents is a grave warning signal." Warning signal of what? They speak in broad generalities of "the poison of universal, know-nothing suspicion and distrust" that will "end by freezing into a sort of mindless catalepsy and impotent conformity." **This menace has a specific name, however. It is called fascism and, in this country, McCarthyism.**

The indignant protests of Drs. Norris Bradbury, Hans Bethe and other leading scientists at the Shepley-Blair "universal plot" innuendo reflects the resistance of men trained to the concept of the unfettered mind who, in the words of Joseph C. Harsch, special Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, are being "treated as though they were a special part of the armed services, subject to iron discipline and an extraordinary degree of isolation from the normal life of the community" He goes on to say that "one evil which must be avoided is the ultimate subjection of the free mind to government authority." But the only example he can bring to mind is the Soviet geneticist Lysenko.

A more apt parallel is the Nazi scientists who prostituted themselves to the political aims of fascism. They lent themselves to the most horrible "experiments" in mass murder and torture. They designed the most efficient means to exterminate concentration camp inmates and used live victims to "prove" such "scientific" facts as the alleged superiority of the "Nordics" to other races, including the ability to endure pain.

The "hero" scientists, like the Tellers, are simply those most willing to serve the reactionary ruling class and most eager to gain its favor by "policing" the other scientists, informing against them and taking on the filthy chore of developing mass extermination weapons. The tragedy is that the best of the scientists, those who feel revulsion at using their brains and knowledge for such tasks, have so far bowed to the "know-nothings"

Thus, it is an irony of history that the conscience-stricken but scared scientists who actually invented the A-bomb and H-bomb are being smeared as traitors and spies by second-raters who resemble the "mad scientists" of Nazism.

A Successful Session

By Louise Manning

Everyone who attended the seventh session of the West Coast Workers Vacation School, held from Sept. 4 to Sept. 12, felt that it came closer to the socialist ideals of work, study and play than any previously held in California.

One of the keys to the success of the encampment was the active participation of four founding members of the Socialist Workers Party, James P. Cannon, Vincent R. Dunne, Rose Karsner and Arne Swabeck. Their classes and lectures were most instructive, but the informal discussions they engaged in, rich with reminiscences of earlier days of the socialist movement in America, were perhaps even more illuminating.

Dealing with the most important question facing our epoch, Cannon gave a series of lectures on "The Theory of the Party as Illustrated by the History of the Early Communist Party." He started with an analysis of the native movements prior to the Bolshevik revolution in Russia and showed how the revolutionary party in America came from a synthesis of this early vanguard with the ideas of Lenin and Trotsky. What was lacking in the early radical movement, according to Cannon, was the concept of the vanguard party to co-ordinate and lead the workers through the transition from capitalism to socialism.

In two lecturers, "Science, the Dialectic and Bourgeois Society," Swabeck illustrated how dialectical thinking appears in the field of nuclear physics. Unlike the social sciences, which represented an immediate threat to the ruling class and which the ruling class therefore needed to falsify and vulgarize, physical science is required in unadulterated form by modern industry. Thus physics has now reached the point where its own development requires use of the dialectic logic if it is to advance.

Swabeck followed this with two more lectures on "The Changing Class Relations in the U.S." Here again the key question came to the fore; that is, the need for the American working class to take the road to independent political action.

One of the most important questions facing the working class is the position of women in society, their role in the class struggle and in the revolutionary party. Rose Karsner dealt with this topic in a class she led on "The Family as a Social Unit."

Another series on "Marx's Method in Capital" was led by two comrades prominent in the educational work of the Los Angeles section of the Socialist Workers Party, T. Edwards and Milton Alvin.

In the field of science, Dave Dreiser showed the application of dialectics to biology.

For the youth, Jeanne Morgan led a class on "Marxist Fundamentals." As recreational director Comrade Morgan also planned the socials, camp fire gatherings, a story-telling session, an amateur night and a farewell banquet.

At the banquet tribute was paid to the pioneer Trotskyists in America represented at the camp by James P. Cannon, Vincent R. Dunne, Rose Karsner and Arne Swabeck.

After awards were made to the camp staff for their excellent work by Erroll Banks, SWP candidate for U.S. Senator from California, the session concluded with the singing of the Internationale.

American Way of Life

Two Ways of Looking at It

The International Woodworkers, CIO, have recently been organizing in the south. In Summerville, South Carolina, where some of the workers of the Wacamaw Lumber Co. felt they needed a union to help them raise their 75-cents-an-hour minimum, the Woodworkers ran into a view they considered "fantastic."

This was the view of the police, who picked up the Woodworkers organizers, apparently at company instigation. But sworn statements of the organizers, which were printed in the Sept. 22 International Woodworker, indicate that the fascist-minded police considered themselves acting strictly in accordance with the American Way of Life.

Here is part of the deposition of Arcil Dishner, telling about the Sheriff:

"He asked me what I was doing in that Negroe's house. I told him we were going to have a union meeting.

"He said, 'Don't you know better than to come in my county and go sneaking around talking to Negroes? I'm Sheriff here, understand, and by-God no damn communist bastard is going around behind my back and start no damn union as long as I am Sheriff.'

"He then turned to Leon and asked him what he was doing over at Warner's. Leon told him he came over to see what the meeting was about.

"Sheriff Jessen said, 'Don't lie to me. You were over there to join a union. Do you know what a union does?'

"Leon said, 'No.'

"The Sheriff said, 'By God I'll tell you what they do. They get you to sign a card and pay them a lot of money and then they call you out on strike and they don't give a damn if you and your family starve to death. They have a bunch of boys out on strike in Johnson City right now. They didn't tell you about that did they?'

"Race tried to tell him that no one was out on strike in Johnson City, but the Sheriff told him to shut up that he was doing the talking."

The Sheriff ended up by charging the union organizer with "illegal" parking. So the organizer went to jail while cash for a $100 fine was dug up.

The Sheriff wound up with the following words: "By God, they are going to be run out of town and if they ever come back and talk to you about a union, by God use a knife on them. Do you hear me? I'm Sheriff here and I mean what I say. I wish the bastards would put a picket line around my place. I'll be God damn if blood wouldn't fly. I would kill the sons of bitches. Some of my boys might get killed too, but I'll bet you one damn thing, these damn racketeers would think twice before they messed with me again."

That's the American Way of Life as seen by a potential McCarthyite. But the union which understands the American Way of Life to be something quite different is going ahead with its organizing drive.

Notes from the News

"RUSSIA," a book by Vernon Ives, has been banned by unanimous vote of the school board in Long Island on the recommendation of Dr. Frederick J. Moffitt, associate state education commissioner, because it "had become the object of a controversy." Although Moffitt said he did not feel it is in his jurisdiction to be a "censor," he feels justified in suggesting that controversial material be kept off school bookshelves. The Sept. 14 N. Y. Post states that Moffitt doesn't limit the term "controversial" to books that are "subversive or allegedly subversve." If a book shows a bias for the Giants over the Dodgers and thereby becomes controversial, he would recommend that it be banned.

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WORKERS SUFFER, OWNERS THRIVE. The Commerce Department's recent report shows that wage and salary payments in June were down $4.7 billion from the year before. But payments to owners of stocks and bonds increased $1.3 billion.

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THE NEWARK INQUISITION by the Velde House Un-American Activities Committee, originally scheduled for August, then delayed to Sept. 27, has now been postponed indefinitely. The witch hunters are still exploring the new legal powers they have acquired through passage of the so-called "immunity" bill, which scuttles the Fifth Amendment.

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ONE OF THE OLDEST, most respected farm journals in McCarthy's home state, the Wisconsin Agriculturalist and Farmer, recently carried this warning about civil liberties today: "The danger is that our freedoms will slip away from behind us where we aren't watching . . . We see attempts to cut down on freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Freedom of education is under pressure. McCarthyism is a symptom of the same disease infecting the nation. Such an atmosphere is made to order for an American Hitler."

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STRANGE "BUSINESS EXPENSES" some Big Business executives try to deduct from their tax bills were revealed by Federal Tax Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews and reported in a recent issue of Labor. For instance, one corporation official deducted $48,000 he spent entertaining customers with "call girls." Another company listed payments to the lady friend of one of its officers as "royalty expense." Another listed as a business cost $5,000 paid to a private secretary "far from the home office."

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WHY SO MANY MOTHERS SEEK EMPLOYMENT outside the home was the subject of a "lively panel discussion" held in Ann Arbor, Mich. Prof. E. Lowell Kelly of the Univ. of Mich. believes they are able to do so because home duties today "are done better and more quickly by mechanized gadgets." Bunk, said Dr. Dorothy V. Whipple, Washington pediatrician-author. "There is no gadget yet invented that can change diapers." In her opinion, mothers seek work because they are lonely and want an outside job "to make life more bearable."

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SHUI-YUEH HSU, a Chinese woman who earned a master's degree in chemical engineering at the University of Minnesota, is one of 120 Chinese students denied the right to leave the United States because "the knowledge they have gained might be useful to the Communist government of China," reports the Minneapolis Morning Tribune. Shui-Yueh Hsu explained that she "is eager to get back to care for her two girls, 7 and 9." The children's grandmother, who has been caring for them since 1949 when their parents left to attend the university, is now ill.

Philadelphia Racists Prepare Violence

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 10 — Robert Chester, Socialist Workers candidate for Congress in the 4th District here, called attention to two new developments in this city last week that point up the necessity for militant struggle to end segregation and combat the reactionary ideas of white supremacy.

While the Citizens Committee for Wiley Clark has announced that plans are under way to get him and his family back into the house from which they were driven by racists last month, a new organization has been set up in the Judson Street area. This group, the "North Penn Civic Improvement Association," is pledged to maintain white supremacy in the neighborhood and to "exclude anyone, or any group that are without good moral character, and who by their past living have shown themselves to be more or less anti-social."

Under this formula, the race-haters propose to combat every effort to break down the Jim Crow patterns of living in Philadelphia.

BOWLES IN TOWN

The second development was the appearance of Bryant W. Bowles, head of the so-called "National Association for the Advancement of White People" in Philadelphia. In an interview with the press, Bowles is said to have declared that he intended to do the same job in this city as his organization had done in Milford, Baltimore and Washington.

Robert Chester hit this threat to incite mob violence as "fitting into the widening pattern of McCarthyism which seeks to weld together every reactionary element in America today." It is clear, he said, that Bowles hopes to tie up his racist organization with those in Philadelphia responsible for the attack on Wiley Clark and his family.

An official of the NAACP, who declined to be quoted directly, commented that a tie up between Bowles and the Philadelphia racists and mob action would be a terrible, terrible thing for the city.

Next day, Richardson Dilworth, the city's District Attorney and the present head of the local Democratic Party, promised to arrest Bowles "if he pursues the tactics in Philadelphia he attempted in these other cities."

This statement, made under pressure from the NAACP, avoided mentioning the fact that these tactics have already been pursued in Philadelphia by those who drove the Wiley Clark family from their home. Although Dilworth is concerned about the Negro vote in the November election, he has not made any arrests in the Clark case nor issued any statements about it so far as can be determined.

DON'T DEPEND ON THEM

It would be a grave error to believe that the Philadelphia police, with their record of brutality against the Negro people, or the city administration with its records of failure to do anything to break down the patterns of discrimination in housing, education, and employment will be able to seriously deter the racists once they believe the time is ripe to unleash a campaign of violence.

Only the united effort of the entire Negro community, backed up and supported by the organized labor movement, can prevail against the reactionary mobilization that is taking place.

"The first task," said SWP candidate Robert Chester, "is to put the Wiley Clark family back in their home. The second task is to see to it that Bowles is not permitted to organize a mob.

"It is time to stop waiting and hoping for the capitalist politicians to do anything about discrimination or racist violence. It is necessary for labor and the Negro people to depend on their own forces. If they do that, they will surely win."

Street Rallies Ask Philadelphians to Vote for Chester

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 2 — A street-corner meeting in behalf of the candidacy of Robert Chester, Socialist Workers candidate for Congress in the 4th District, was held successfully at 17th and Susquehana despite threats of police interference.

A previous meeting at the same corner was stopped by the police on the ground that no permit for the political gathering had been issued. After checking with the American Civil Liberties Union and rechecking the law which does not require any permit, the meeting was scheduled.

To date, five open-air meetings have been held in the 4th District. Sales of the Militant and other socialist literature have been high at all the meetings. The new pamphlet by Howard Mayhew, "Racial Terror at Trumbull Park," has proved especially in demand here due to the recent rash of anti-Negro vandalism in this city.

Running under the ballot designation of "Militant Workers Party," the SWP has concentrated its fire on the failure of the Democratic city administration to live up to the program of civil rights on which it promised its way into office in 1950.

At the street meetings for Robert Chester for Congress, the SWP speakers have stressed that labor must take the road to independent political action to solve such problems as infringement of civil rights and unemployment. The appeal of those asking for votes for the "Militant Workers Party" has met with a warm response at all the meetings.

"Two hundred and fifty million children throughout the world are starving."—UNESCO report issued in 1950. This was before the Korean war. It does not include the millions more who were rendered destitute, homeless, and hungry, by wars in Malaya, Indo-China and Kenya. Add other millions to the list of starving children as a result of unemployment and wage cutting throughout the capitalist world. And don't neglect to include the millions of undernourished children in the U. S., particularly in the Democratic South.

'Hot' Fish

A 50-ton catch of tuna, brought in to Yokahama from an area 600 miles southwest of Midway Islands, tested ten percent "hot" from radioactivity, according to an AP dispatch, Oct. 13. The closest atomic tests were made 1,000 miles from Midway in the Marshall Islands.

Klansmen on the March

Flames from a fiery cross light the sky 15 miles from Atlanta, Ga., as Ku Klux Klansmen mobilize to make a dead letter of the Supreme Court decision declaring Jim Crow education to be unconstitutional.

Our Readers Take the Floor

Racist Witch Hunt At Antioch College

Editor:

Some Negro leaders like George Schuyler of the Pittsburgh Courier think they can make this kind of deal with the witch hunters: "You chase the reds and we won't interfere, we may even cheer you on, provided you leave the Negro people in peace and allow us to make gradual improvements toward first-class citizenship."

The foolishness of this view should be demonstrated by the way the Ku Klux elements in the South dub all moves against white supremacy as "Communist" or "Communist-inspired." It should be further demonstrated by the fact that one of the favorite FBI questions to neighbors of white people being investigated is: "Does he (or she) ever have Negroes to the house?"

Now another example of the kinship of Jim Crow and the political witch hunt is seen at Yellow Springs, Ohio. This is the location of Antioch College, a liberal institution founded in 1853 by Horace Mann. Antioch is co-operative, co-ed and interracial. People of all races mingle freely and amicably at the college and in the adjacent community.

Plainly such a situation is un-American in the eyes of the witch-hunters and so it was only natural that the House Un-American Activities Committee should subject Antioch to a probe. Now it comes out how the probe started.

State Senator Lowell Fess, Jr., a "liberal" Republican, urged the probe. Fess describes why: "One of the most distasteful situations I have observed personally is the bilineal social relations. It requires no intelligence to comprehend that this is a subtle, subversive move to agitate and parade radical-leaning in a staid reserved American community." Fess also attacked intermarriage, social equality and those at Antioch who "teach Marxist theories and socialism and in some cases downright subversism, particularly as it applies to interracial relationship."

Could even George Schuyler make a deal with this witch-hunter?

B. G.
Cleveland, Ohio

I Didn't Feel At Home There

Editor:

I went by the Ambassador Hotel here today although it isn't the kind of place where I feel at home and decided to look in on the AFL convention to see what the top characters in my union were up to.

A representative of the Philippine labor leadership was speaking. He was praising the Philippine unions for keeping the Communists out. He did say that there was a lot of unemployment in the islands — "so that you would think that we had Eisenhower there," and the delegates laughed. I thought that was a little foolish because they seemed to be ignoring all the depressions under Democrats.

Without going into what the island labor leaders were going to do about the unemployment situation, the Philippine brother continued and concluded his report along the lines that the main function of the labor movement there was to keep the Communists out. Then an American working with the European labor movement spoke. His speech was longer and he got impassioned but his theme was the same.

When Brother Meany got the rostrum again he was pompously saying, "Whether we choose it or not, free labor all over the world is looking to the AFL for leadership."

I was talking to one of the local presidents of the Plumbers. "It seems to me," I said, "that it is the government here that is keeping us from being free, from choosing our own officers or conducting a strike. Anyway, when is this convention going to get down to its business, like jobs and wages?"

"Well," he drawled, "tomorrow we gotta hear President Eisenhower."

D. R.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Trotskyist Mayors In Ceylon Towns

By Harry Ring

A dramatic demonstration of how revolutionary socialists act when they are elected to public office is taking place in Ceylon where the Trotskyist Lanka Sama-samaja Party now heads a number of local governments, including that of the capital city of Colombo where a Trotskyist has been selected as Mayor.

Founded in 1935, the LLSP has been continuously linked with the great class and anti-imperialist battles of the Ceylonese workers and peasants. A year ago last August the LLSP won the decisive leadership of the great 24-hour Hartel (general strike) which swept the island in a struggle for higher living standards. As a result of its leadership of that movement the LLSP emerged as the strongest single party in the elections held this past summer.

In a series of local electoral contests the LLSP won 48 percent of the popular vote. The capitalist United Nationalist Party polled 40-percent of the vote and the Communist Party suffered a drastic decline in its electoral strength.

In office but a few short months, the local LLSP administrations are giving a splendid demonstration of how such offices can be utilized to heighten the revolutionary consciousness of the masses by involving them directly in securing elementary and even primitive needs. And this project is being accomplished in the face of active sabotage of the LLSP administrations by both the UNP and Stalinist forces.

CORRUPTION EXPOSED

When the LLSP won control of the Urban Council in Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia they imediately exposed the scandalous corruption of the previous UNP administration. **They uncovered the fact that 39,000 rupees in license fees had vanished. They discovered that an additional 13,000 rupees had been allegedly allocated for the purchase of school books to be distributed to needy children and that neither the books or the money could be located.**

They launched an investigation of the UNP-administred local housing program showing how the homes had been leased to those not eligible for illegal fees while those in need of the homes couldn't get them.

In an effort to strike back for these exposures the UNP attempted to sabotage the garbage collection system which had been a major sore spot of the town and which the LLSP had pledged to improve. Under the eyes of two watchmen appointed by the previous administration the generators and batteries were stolen from the town's four garbage vans. The vans were reconverted military trucks and the stolen parts, replaced only with difficulty.

The new Urban Council Chairman immediately investigated all municipal employees and secured the dismissal of a number of UNP appointees found to have serious criminal records. **To ensure against further attempts at sabotage the powerful Samsamaja Youth League immediately organized regular patrols to guard town property. At the same time the administration set up machinery for the creation of Citizens' Consultative Committees from the various districts of the town to participate in the administration of municipal affairs and also announced regular publication of a bulletin that would keep the population informed of the affairs of the Urban Council.**

IMPROVEMENTS

A policy statement issued by the Council outlines its municipal improvement program. It declared that in order for the Council to "have an intimate knowledge of the needs and grievances of the people" the administration of the Council would henceforth be carried on in Swabasha, the language of the majority of the population.

The new socialist administration of the Dehiwala-Mt. Lavinia council also introduced a taxation system to relieve the burden on the poor, the construction of public wells for bathing and drinking purposes, the establishment of medical and dental clinics, and the improvement of roads and electric service in the previously neglected poor sections of town.

A report from the two month old LLSP administration in Kalutara describes its progress in cleaning up that town which had suffered from fifteen years of UNP rule. The first casualty of the new administration was the butcher who had the sole contract for the sale of meat in the public markets. His contract was summarily cancelled after numerous complaints from housewives of shortweighting accompanied by rudeness. Public scales were placed in the markets to permit a customer-check of the new butcher and the police are now rigorously enforcing the weights and measures ordinance throughout the entire town.

A string of modern mercury vapor lamps which had been used to light the beach area of a wealthy section of town have been reduced to two with the remainder now being used in the poor and previously unlit section of town.

(Next week: The struggles of the LLSP administration in Columbo.)

THE MILITANT ARMY

New York Literature Agent **John Tabor** reports excellent sales of the Militant this week.

"Priscilla, John T. and **Gregg** sold nine papers and one copy of Fourth International at the ALP convention here. On Sept. 30, **Manny** and **John A.** sold 49 Militants at the U.E. convention and got a fine response from the delegates. At least six gave 25 or 50 cents for the paper. The Brooklyn comrades held a street meeting selling 20 Militants and 12 Trumbull Park pamphlets. The following Saturday they scored again with the campaign issue. 52 copies were sold by **Nat, Calvin** and **Howie** on the streets.

"At a street meeting in East Harlem we sold 45 more copies of the campaign issue. 10 copies were sold the night before on the streets in about 10 minutes. Oct. 9 we sold 106 Militants at one street meeting. The same night 38 copies were sold at a street meeting in Brooklyn. **Harold** sold a bundle of 10 to friends."

Los Angeles reports a good sale of the Trumbull Park pamphlet as well as the Militant. Literature Agent **Bob Morgan** writes, "Last Sunday 21 comrades went out and sold over 60 pamphlets. We also got a new sub to the paper which is enclosed."

St. Louis Literature Agent **Dick Carter** writes, "The Sept. 13 Militant was great. I sold 14 copies. Recently I have been getting more families interested in the Militant. Whoever comes to the door pays for the paper and reads it."

Seattle comrades report a good sale of the Militant several weeks ago on their regular Sunday route. Literature Agent **Helen Baker** writes, "In addition to the Militant we sold two copies of 'The Struggle for Negro Equality,' one 'A Letter to an American Negro' and one copy of the FI. The following week **Ann** and **Leon** opened a new route and sold eight papers and received a 20 cent donation.

"We sold 75 copies of the Square D issue. **Ann** and **Clara** went out on Saturday and sold four copies and had some long discussions with the people they met. **Clara** and **Frank, Ann** and **Leon** and I went out today and got a good response in a district where we sold during the election campaign last fall. **Charlie B.** sells six copies every week to the fellows he works with."

Chicago Literature Agent **Carol Houston** writes, "On our first mobilization in our election campaign sales we sold 122 pieces of literature. **Snow** was top man selling 17 Militants and 10 pamphlets. **Wilson** came in second with 14 Militants and 10 pamphlets to his credit. **Marj** was third scoring 15 Militants and eight pamphlets. The following Thursday **Dotty, Sherry** and **Bert** sold 15 Militants and 15 Trumbull Park pamphlets at a union meeting."

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Wilson Speaks for His Class

When C. E. Wilson, former General Motors president, was questioned on his fitness for the post of Secretary of Defense, he smugly asserted: "What's good for General Motors is good for America." Now, this prize specimen of the arrogant Big Business ruling class has likened unemployed workers to "dogs." Referring to jobless workers who demand government aid, Wilson said: "I've always liked bird dogs better than kennel-fed dogs myself. You know, one who'll get out and hunt for food rather than sit on his fanny and yelp."

This contemptuous reference to the workers who built this country, including General Motors, should startle no one. Wilson voiced the inward feeling of the whole capitalist gang who run and rule America. Some of them are a little cagier than Wilson and don't put their views so crudely but they think as he does.

More surprising than Wilson's insolent and insulting remark is one section of CIO President Walter Reuther's reply. "Until I saw this story," said Reuther, "I had believed we were decades past the day when allegedly civilized men thought such things, let alone expressed them aloud and in public. I regret that I was so sadly mistaken in estimating the degree to which big business had acquired at least rudiments of a social consciousness."

Expect social consciousness in the big capitalists? A man would be less a fool to expect tender affection in an untamed tiger. It is evident Reuther hasn't the slightest conception of the nature of the beast he is dealing with. No ruling class in history has been more rude and brutal, more inhumane and callous to human misery than the American capitalist class. This is the class that hurled the first atom bombs on crowded cities; this is the class that plans to take over the whole world with the H-bomb.

But that's not what bothers Reuther. He's upset because he has been advocating collaboration with the owning class and Wilson reveals in a flash that this class is the mortal enemy of the workers.

Reuther said also that Wilson should "retract publicly and apologize to the unemployed" or resign. Suppose he did apologize? Would he think any differently? Reuther even called on Eisenhower to do something about Wilson. But Eisenhower is the man who said in Dec. 1949: "If all that Americans want is security they can go to prison. They'll have enough to eat, and a roof over their heads." He was talking about those appealing for a better old-age pension system.

And while we're on the subject of brutal and callous attitudes toward the unemployed, we recall Truman's statement on Feb. 15, 1950, that: "A certain amount of unemployment, say from three to five million, is supportable. It is a good thing that job-seeking should go on at all times. This is healthy for the economic body."

It would be a pity if the justified indignation over Wilson's contemptuous insult should be channelized into support of a capitalist party like the Democrats whose chief spokesmen considered "three to five million" unemployed and "job-seeking" as "healthy." The whole capitalist class and all its political agents, however slick some of them may talk, is thoroughly corrupt and brutalized. It is not a matter of seeking an "apology" from a Wilson; it is a matter of the workers ending the power of Wilson's class by ending the profit system and building socialism.

The Problem of Making Killers

"Dr. Francis E. Jones wants to make a more efficient killer out of the United States soldier. In his opinion a serviceman who uses two bullets to kill one man is 50% off."

So opened an Associated Press dispatch in the N.Y. Times, Oct. 10. Dr. Jones is a psychologist at the George Washington University. He is "on loan" to the army as an expert in psychological problems of killing.

Dr. Jones is not satisfied with the training of the U.S. soldier. The AP story says he "takes a somewhat dim view of the standard rifle range where men fire at paper targets from known distances."

"When you are shooting at paper targets," he says, "that is obviously what you are shooting at. Shooting in a combat assault is something like skeet shooting. You have to fire quickly and smoothly at a target you presume is trying to kill you."

Dr. Jones thinks a moving target is closer to the right training equipment for killers. "On a paper target course nothing of the hunter instinct is aroused. On this one it is. It is easier, I think, to teach a man to kill this way."

Dr. Jones is only doing the job he was drafted to do. Like the atomic scientists, his knowledge is used not for the relief of human suffering and the freeing of humanity from unnecessary toil and drudgery—but for the improvement of machines for sudden death on a mass scale.

But although Dr. Jones is a psychologist, he may not know the military mind of the army brass as well as some of the GI's do.

If a moving target is better than a stationary one, then a human target is even more superior.

This is not as far fetched as it may sound. The army brass has long been committed to the concept of training through actual killing. That is one of the reasons it valued the mass blood bath in Korea; and that is one of the reasons it was attempting to send the American army to Indo-China. The truth is that they value most of all the "real life" test of the atomic bomb that Truman ordered exploded over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Militarism, the art of killing, is here to stay as long as capitalism exists. That is the real fact of our times. And the yearning of the American people for a world of peace can be achieved only through the struggle for socialism.

The Lattimore Frame-up

Those who think that McCarthyism has been quelled are in for a rude shock. The case of Owen Lattimore, former adviser to the State Department on Far Eastern questions, has been reopened and a new set of indictments brought against him. For four years the McCarthyites have played up Lattimore as the key figure in their big demagogic pitch about a vast conspiracy in the government to turn America over to the Kremlin.

Twice federal courts have thrown out the main charge brought against Lattimore by Justice Department prosecutors. Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, who had been assigned to sit on the case, threw out the principal count of the original indictment which said that Lattimore had committed perjury when he had denied to a Senate hearing that he had ever been "a sympathizer or any kind of promoter of communism or Communist interests." Judge Youngdahl threw out three other counts. A Federal Court of Appeals restored two of the counts, but upheld Judge Youngdahl on his dismissal of the key count.

Now the Brownell crew in the Justice Department, trying to out-McCarthy McCarthy, have drafted a new set of charges, carefully framed to get around the legal objections of two federal courts. At the same time, they smeared Judge Youngdahl who had dared to find legal flaws in their original indictment and had put a crimp in their frame-up plans. When the new hearing opened on Oct. 13, U.S. Attorney Leo A. Rover launched an attack on Judge Youngdahl as having a "fixed personal bias and prejudice in favor" of Lattimore, who in turn is tarred as a "Russian agent."

Rover asked Judge Youngdahl, a conservative Republican, to disqualify himself, an action called "extraordinary" and "unprecedented" by the daily press.

But anyone who crosses the police-staters, even a federal judge who served three terms as Republican governor of Minnesota, gets the "Red" treatment. The Brownell gang is bound and determined to "get" Lattimore and they are trying to secure a judge who will compliantly help them do the dirty job.

The new charge against Lattimore is so worded that almost anyone could be framed and imprisoned under it. It accuses Lattimore of perjury when he denied that he was "a follower of the Communist line." The Stalinists have promoted hundreds of causes and programs — even diametrically opposite ones at different times. The majority of Americans who opposed the Korean war could be called "followers of the Communist line," since the Communist Party also was against it. Racial equality, non-segregated schools, support of the Democratic Party and opposition to the Democratic Party, all have been policies advocated at some time by the Stalinists. If this McCarthyite charge can be made to stick, woe betide anyone they decide to frame.

Moscow's Reaction to German Rearmament

By Joseph Hansen

The nine-power agreement to rearm imperialist Germany, which was signed in London Oct. 3, appears to be moving ahead with the force of a steam roller.

Despite the reluctance of the German Bundestag to convert the country once again into an armed camp as a step toward converting it into atomic ruins in World War III, a two-thirds majority of the legislators approved by a show of hands the decision to reconstruct the German armies that were destroyed when Hitler was defeated.

This vote, taken Oct. 7, followed an 11-hour debate in which the Social Democrats played the roll of opposition. Their chief spokesman, Erich Ollenhauer, took the position that world tensions had declined since 1950 and that there was no longer any imperative need for West Germany to make a military contribution to the "defense" of the Allies. With this argument, Ollenhauer conceded in principle that imperialist Germany should rearm, for a simple change in world tensions would destroy the basis of his flimsy argument.

It was therefore consistent for him to concede further to Adenauer that the new agreement was "intrinsically more acceptable" than the European Defense Community treaty which was killed by the French Assembly on Aug. 30. EDC was a tactical variation in Wall Street's strategic objective of rearming Germany.

The Social Democrats argued that before the London accord was approved an attempt should be made to negotiate with Moscow on holding free elections in East Germany, unifying the two halves of the bisected country and bringing it into the United Nations.

The National Assembly in France was likewise reluctant to vote for the rearmament of Germany. However, Premier Mendes-France pressed for hasty action, staking the fate of his regime on the outcome. When the vote was taken Oct. 12, he rolled up a majority of 350 to 113. The opposition consisted of 99 Stalinists and 14 members of other parties.

The key to the victory for Mendes-France lay with the Stalinists and the Social Democrats. The latter were offered posts in Mendes-France's cabinet in return for a favorable vote. Whether they chose to accept this or some other form of quid pro quo has not yet been made public.

The French Stalinists voted in a bloc against the London accord but this did not lessen their responsibility for Wall Street's success in this big new step toward another war. It was their previous vote in favor of Mendes-France that put this tool of the French capitalists in power. It was their agreement to sacrifice the interests of the Indochinese people that made Mendes-France a big hero and enabled him — as the man who made a truce in Indochina — to gain the momentum needed to put over the decision to rearm Germany.

The Malenkov regime obviously calculated that by giving Mendes-France part of Indochina at the very moment the Indochinese people were about to drive the French colonial troops into the sea, the French premier would be grateful. Out of gratitude he would help kill EDC and line up with Moscow in trying for "peaceful co-existence." Thus new pressure would be put on the Eisenhower administration for a deal.

But all the Kremlin got was 34 days grace. EDC was killed all right, only to be revived in a new tactical variation and when the cards were down Wall Street won.

BUTTERING IT UP

It is true that Mendes-France pointed out that it would take two or three years to bring German rearmament up to the level now decided upon. During that time "peaceful co-existence" would remain in effect. He also said that if any general disarmament scheme were approved before then, it would apply to Germany as well as the other countries that agreed to it. That butter was laid on for no purpose but to make the rearmament of Germany easier to swallow.

The Kremlin, having placed all its eggs in the Mendes-France basket, seems to have been taken by surprise. That Dulles, Eden and Mendes-France might display sufficient tactical flexibility to come up with an alternative to EDC does not seem to have been taken into account by the strategists of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Consequently their response to the London Conference has been limited up to now to a couple of routine speeches by Vishinsky and Molotov.

On Sept. 30 while the delegates of the U. S., Great Britain, France, Canada, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg were plotting in London on how to revive the war potential of German capitalism and turn the country into a European beachhead for the projected assault on the Soviet bloc, Vishinsky took the floor of the United Nations.

He suggested a "plan" that would begin with reduction of conventional arms and wind up with eventual "prohibition" of atomic weapons. Vishinsky also indicated that Moscow would consider agreeing to "free elections" in East Germany leading to unification of a demilitarized Germany.

MOLOTOV FOLLOWS UP

On Oct. 6 Molotov followed up with another hint about "free elections" and a proposal that the governments of the U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union agree to withdraw their occupation troops from Germany.

So far as ending the threat of World War III and securing enduring peace is concerned, these proposals suffer from truly enormous flaws.

First of all they are obviously directed at sections of the bourgeoisie in Germany and France who fear another war. The hint that Moscow might agree to the unification of Germany, turning East Germany over to the West German capitalists constitutes a bargaining offer that suggests that Moscow has more to offer German imperialism than Wall Street has. But apparently it failed of its effect, for the Bundestag went ahead and voted for rearmament.

The proposal to demilitarize Germany is an obvious bid to the French capitalists who fear a resurgent military force to the north. But apparently this too failed of its effect, for the move of Great Britain to act as arbiter in Europe, leaning on the side of France, proved more impressive to the French Assembly than Molotov's proffer.

The fundamental weakness of the Kremlin strategy is that it depends solely on the good will of sections of the world capitalist class, a good will toward the Soviet Union that hinges on concessions. How dependable that good will is can be judged from what happened in the case of Mendes-France.

As for universal disarmament, that is utterly utopian as Lenin pointed out long ago. American Big Business will never under any circumstances actually "prohibit" use of atomic and bacteriological weapons no matter what gilt-edged scraps of paper its professional diplomats may sign in trying to appear "peace-loving."

THE ONLY ROAD

The only force that can secure enduring peace is the working class in alliance with the farmers and colonial peoples and other oppressed groupings. And the only road that leads to peace is the road to socialism.

The counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy, however, cannot take that road for it would mean its own doom. That is why, for instance, it refuses to withdraw its occupation troops from East Germany and permit the East German workers to set up a government of their own choice. This act which could lead to unification of Germany under a socialist government would have as its reflex a political uprising by the workers of the Soviet Union that would not stop until the bureaucracy was cleaned out and workers democracy restored.

This the Kremlin understands very well. And because it understands this, it continues to follow the fatal course that has already paved the way for the reappearance of German imperialist armies on the borders of the Soviet Union.

Says Formosa Belongs to China

Clement Attlee, addressing annual conference of British Labor Party at Scarborough, England declares his recent trip to the Far East convinced him that Formosa, now held by Chiang Kai-shek under U. S. protection, should be eventually united with China. Seated at left is Herbert Morrison.

Skoglund Reported Doing Well After Operation

Carl Skoglund, 70 year old Minneapolis labor leader, who was released on bond from Ellis Island October 7, became ill October 9, and was taken to a New York hospital. He underwent abdominal surgery and is now well on the road to recovery.

Skoglund is still fighting the attempt to deport him to Sweden. Contributions for his case are urgently needed, and should be sent to Civil Rights Defense Committee, 19 W. 10th St., New York 11, N.Y.

Who is Delinquent -- Parents or Society?

By Joyce Cowley

Laws now under discussion in the New York City Council and a number of other cities would automatically make parents responsible for the property damage that children cause. A number of states are considering jail sentences for the parents of delinquent children.

Parents today get most of the blame for juvenile crime. They are denounced on the one hand for pampering their youngsters and failing to discipline them, on the other for indifference and neglect. Authorities can't seem to decide whether the children are victims of too much attention or too little, so it's not surprising if some mothers are confused. I believe a great many mothers, especially those who have to work for a living and leave their children in a care center or at a neighbor's home, feel troubled and even guilty. They wonder if it's true—if they are to blame.

AN EXPERT OPINION

According to Dr. Harris B. Peck, Director of the Mental Health Services of the Court of Domestic Relations in New York City, it's not the parents but society that is the real delinquent. This point of view is not popular. It's particularly rare among officials who have any connection with the city government or courts.

Dr. Peck's honest analysis of juvenile crime begins by pointing to the "positive correlation between the rate of delinquency and war or cold war. **It is hard to instill those built-in controls of hostile behavior when children are being reared in a world that reeks of hostility and in which the whole economy is geared to the ultimate expression of hostility — death and destruction."**

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

Next, Dr. Peck discusses the economic background of the children who appear in court. "We measured the socio-economic status of clients appearing in the court and, using a five-point scale, found that an overwhelming percentage of the cases fell in the lower fourth and fifth segments of the scale."

The Mental Health Service studied a group of parents who had failed to respond to treatment, and discovered that more than 80% were mothers who were carrying the responsibility for a fatherless home. "We brought a number of these parents together in therapy groups and as they talked we were struck by the immensity of the problems which confronted them. After such sessions we were forced to revise our evaluation of parents' who had been characterized as 'rejecting' and to appreciate the bitter struggles of these women."

If you are one of the five million women who had a "head of the household" status, you probably feel that it's a tough, bewildering job. Here's confirmation from an authority.

Dr. Peck admits that some of the children who come to the court are obviously neglected or abused. A survey showed that most of the parents in such cases had serious mental or emotional disturbances. But they rarely got psychiatric assistance because of the "scarcity and relative inaccessibility of such facilities."

The Children's Court now has psychiatric service available but there are no such services in the Family Division of the court, "even though we know that a certain number of the unhappy parents who appear in that division will account for a fair percentage of the children who will find their way into the Children's Court as delinquents some years hence." He concludes: "If we fail to provide the support which parents need to do their job, it is hardly becoming for us to wage campaigns for greater parental responsibility. The community must fulfill its obligations to parents."

CONCRETE PROPOSAL

Dr. Peck makes a number of concrete proposals — adequate public assistance for families in economic difficulties, day-care centers and housekeeping programs for working mothers, recreational centers for parents and children, pre-marital and marriage counseling, psychiatric facilities in schools, religious institutions and community centers.

I like his program. I have advocated most of the same measures in the Militant during the past two years. But since Dr. Peck is a physician, not an agitator, he skips one point. How are we going to get these things?

Politicians now in office, from Police Commissioner Adams to President Eisenhower, do not agree with Dr. Peck. Eisenhower in a recent speech said he did not like to use the term "juvenile delinquency" since it should be "parental failure." He said nothing about the failure of capitalist society. Adams' policy, and that of most of the cops in this country, is to stop "coddling" and start clubbing.

A great many repressive measures have been proposed — a teen-age curfew, fingerprinting of school children, military training in schools; but I haven't heard much about community facilities or psychiatric services. For some years city, state and national budgets have been cutting down on such "luxuries."

This is the responsibility of parents. They should demand that the community provide these services. **I'd like to see a picket line of thousands of parents at every budget hearing. That would be the first step toward political action to remove all of the officials who, while they accuse the parents, so obviously neglect their own responsibility to the children of this country.**

World Events

By Fred Hart

SANITARY CONDITIONS in a concentration camp in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, where 12,000 Mau Mau suspects are imprisoned by the British imperialists can be glimpsed from the report that typhoid is sweeping the camp.

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THE BOLIVIAN CABINET tottered for days following the "irrevocable" resignation of Juan Lechin, labor leader who had held the cabinet post of minister of the nationalized mines. President Paz Estensorro has appointed new ministers to the posts of mines and labor. All the other cabinet ministers who had resigned following Lechin's resignation have been reappointed.

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SOUTH KOREA is experiencing a runaway inflation despite huge quantities of goods and money given to the corrupt Syngman Rhee regime by Washington. The government's own price index admits to a 21.5 percent increase in the cost of living in the thirty days ended July 20 and prices have continued to soar since.

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OKINAWA PEOPLE'S PARTY and its members in the Okinawa Legislature are the target of U.S. Military Government repression. The People's Party principal demand is that the Japanese island, seized by the U.S. during the war and now held as a base, be returned to Japan. Party leader Kisaburo Owan and 26 party members have been arrested for "printing and circulating inflammatory literature." Kamajiro Senaga, secretary-general of the People's party has been hailed into court by U.S. authorities on charges of perjury and hiding an underground leftist. A U.S. military statement promised four others would be charged with the same offenses.

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IN HONDURAS what was apparently a free election resulted in a sweep for the Liberal Party and its candidate Ramon Villeda Morales. Conservatives who have ruled the Central American country in the interests of the United Fruit Company for the last 22 years have attacked the Liberal Party as leftists. It will be several weeks before the new administration is due to take office. Meanwhile the possibility that United Fruit will attempt to thwart the popular will of the people is not unlikely.

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IN IRAN a secret military court condemned 12 leaders of the Stalinist-led Tudeh Party as "spies" and ordered their execution. This is the first batch of 650 who are to be tried. The Tudeh Party has for many years had the support of the majority of workers and peasants of Iran. The Stalinist policy of maneuvers with the native capitalists instead of fighting for workers power opened the door to a royalist coup in August, 1953. Also condemned to death was former premier Mossadegh's right hand man Hassein Fatemi. Seizure of printing plants and mass dismissals of teachers is another feature of the counter-revolutionary regime's daily activities.

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IN TURKEY the U.S.-propped regime has condemned 131 men and women to prison for "subversion" and "spying."

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AFTER A WEEK of officially-inspired leaks from Washington that the U.S. had given Chiang Kai-shek orders restraining him from any operations against the mainland that might lead to renewed warfare and U.S. troop or naval involvement, Chiang showed how much he thought of these "restraining" orders. He boasted at a big military review in Formosa that preparations for an attack against the mainland of China were almost complete.

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GUATEMALEN RULER, Castillo Armas, U.S. State Department-United Fruit Co. puppet, announces that the "election" just held by his regime has resulted in over a 99 percent vote for him. This "election" brings into office an assembly that will draw up a new constitution for Armas and the United Fruit Co. In this terrorized country where the jails are overflowing with political prisoners and where workers and teachers are being fired for holding trade union or democratic views the conduct of the "election" is interesting. Most of the voters had to stand before hand-picked election boards and shout "Yes" or "No" for the candidate — Castillo Armas.

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INDONESIAN WOMEN, who emerged from the anti-imperialist revolution with a new status and great militancy have made the marriage of President Sukarno an issue which is rocking the government. Sukarno recently took a second wife, which is allowed under Moslem law. Bitterly opposed to polygamy as a factor in the oppression of women, feminist organizations in Indonesia have denounced the president's action and have forced the ruling Nationalist Party to declare that it will be necessary to frame marriage regulations for the country's president since he is a symbol of the nation.

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Unemployment, Farm Income Drop Seen Major Factors in Elections

Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

India is cracking down on agents of foreign powers by refusing to allow some American Christian missionaries to enter the country, a news report from Calcutta reveals.

Foreign Correspondent W. G. Dildine writes that the new policy of the Indian government "is projected against a background of widespread public condemnation of missionaries admitted at a set figure, to discourage mass conversions, and to warn them against 'running down Indian culture and tradition'."

Dildine quotes the following frank statement from an article in a Calcutta paper by an American woman, a former missionary:

"With rare individual exceptions, foreign missionaries have never made themselves wholly welcome in India except by those who have derived material advantages from them. Yet, throughout British rule, all Indians were obliged to be polite to them because of the latter's friendship with the ruling power. As missionaries could remain in India only as long as they were loyal to the British Raj, and their work was facilitated by the government in proportion to the support they gave to its alien rule, they found it expedient to overlook the inner feelings of Indians."

Recently an Indian Christian bishop wrote that foreign missionaries' teachings are "anti-national" and that "they never treat Indian Christians as equals."

The Indian bishop should not be surprised by that. White Christians in the U.S. don't treat Christians who are colored as equals. In fact, many of them preach that it is un-Christian to advocate the elimination of segregation of colored children in public schools.

—All of which reminds me of a story you may have heard but which is particularly timely today:

Some years ago a visiting Indian scholar was lecturing at an American college. He related the long history of India under foreign rule. "We are grateful for the help and civilizing influence of the West . . . the roads, schools, business, churches . . . And some day, when we have been completely civilized, we'll send missionaries to bring the benefits of civilization to your South."

If India can spare them, we'd suggest they send "missionaries" to every state in the Union.

ASR Strike Holds Firm After 12 Days

By Catherine Gratta
SWP Candidate for N. Y. Attorney General

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Oct. 11— The picket line around the American Safety Razor plant on Lawrence Street looked good to me today. There was an air of quiet confidence among the pickets as well as the sit-down strikers who were watching and shouting slogans from just inside the high steel fence.

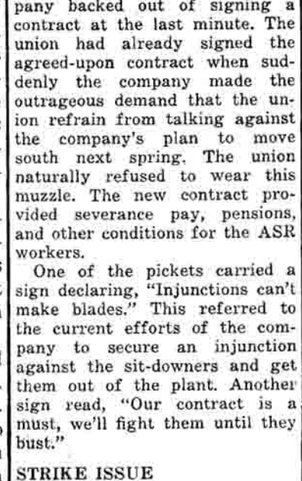
This is the twelfth day of the sit-down strike in this huge plant of the ASR corporation. The strike started when the company backed out of signing a contract at the last minute. The union had already signed the agreed-upon contract when suddenly the company made the outrageous demand that the union refrain from talking against the company's plan to move south next spring. The union naturally refused to wear this muzzle. The new contract provided severance pay, pensions, and other conditions for the ASR workers.

One of the pickets carried a sign declaring, "Injunctions can't make blades." This referred to the current efforts of the company to secure an injunction against the sit-downers and get them out of the plant. Another sign read, "Our contract is a must, we'll fight them until they bust."

STRIKE ISSUE

One picket told me that the fight was not against the running away of the plant but only for the contract that the employers refuse to sign. His placard read, "We want conditions; not a rope around our neck." As he saw it, only the united action of the entire labor movement could stop the run-away shops. I told him of the appeal I had made on the radio, and one made by my running-mate David L. Weiss, SWP candidate for Governor, for the support of the ASR strike.

Up to now not a single one of the Democratic "friends of labor" has come out in support of the ASR strike. The campaign contributions of the ASR owners may have something to do with that.



CATHERINE GRATTA

DAVID L. WEISS

Weiss Demands Gov. Dewey Act On Surplus Food

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 — Governor Dewey was informed this week that it was high time that he took the necessary measures to secure free surplus food for the unemployed in New York state.

In a strongly worded letter to the Governor, SWP candidates David L. Weiss for Governor, Catherine Gratta, for Attorney General, and Harold Robins, for Comptroller, cited the growing distress in the state that was being ignored by the State administration and utilized for campaign hot-air by the Democratic party politicians.

The three Socialist Workers Party candidates pointed out that "The Federal warehouses are bulging with $7 billion worth of surplus milk, butter, cheese, beans and other foods. At the same time hundreds of thousands of workers throughout our state are unemployed. Tens of thousands have exhausted their unemployment insurance checks and the public relief rolls are swelling."

The letter informed the Governor "that 24 states in the union have surplus food disposal contracts with the Federal Government. But New York, which is just as eligible for such an agreement with the Federal Government, has no such contract."

The candidates have made their challenge to the Governor over the air, on radio and TV programs. AFL painters Local 492, of which candidate Robins is a member, has already passed a resolution demanding action from Dewey "before election day," UAW-CIO local 669 has passed a similar resolution. Petitions are now being circulated in working class neighborhoods to get popular support for this demand.

Democratic party politicians have spent a good deal of their time blasting the Republicans for "callous indifference," but in New York City where they are in complete charge they exhibit the same callous indifference to New York City's unemployed army of 200,000 persons.

Michigan SWP Candidate Urges 30-Hour Week Law

DETROIT, Oct. 10 — Labor needs its own party to fight the capitalist alternatives of depression and war, Rita Shaw, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senator, told a CIO auto local today.

Speaking to a meeting of UAW Fleetwood Local 15, the Socialist Workers candidate condemned the do-nothing policies of the old parties in the face of growing unemployment. In Detroit alone about 200,000 are now jobless, with at most 60,000 expected to return to the auto plants after the present model changeover.

"Although the capitalist politicians are sitting on their hands," she said, "there is much that can be done, there is much that would be done immediately to cope with this problem if the working people would send Labor Party candidates to Washington."

PROGRAM FOR JOBLESS

A bill to make the 30 hour week at 40 hours pay the law of the land, with overtime starting after 30 hours; a big public works program to build schools, hospitals, day nurseries, roads and other socially useful projects; and action to raise unemployment compensation to the level of trade union wages so that the unemployed would really be able to subsist — these measures, said Rita Shaw, which are fought for by the Socialist Workers Party today, would automatically be supported by a Labor Party and its candidates.

"And anybody who isn't supporting such measures to fight unemployment today doesn't deserve the vote of any workingman or woman in this election," she added.

The UAW meeting showed special interest when Rita Shaw scored her opponents, GOP Senator Ferguson and Democrat Patrick McNamara, for their continued silence on McCarthy. Her own attitude was in marked contrast to their evasions:

McCARTHY

"If McCarthy isn't stopped decisively, he will come back stronger than ever and will menace every economic and social gain won by the American people in the last 20 years. **That is why I do not hesitate to say that if I am elected to the Senate I will not only vote to censure McCarthy, but I will introduce a motion to impeach him, expel him from the Senate and indict him for his crimes against the civil liberties of the American people. I am sure that the representatives of a Labor Party would do the same."**

Along with her running mates here, Frank Lovell for Governor and Robert Himmel Jr. for Congress in the 1st District, Rita Shaw is active visiting unions and other organizations in order to reach them with the socialist message and program of action.

SQUARE D

In regard to the recent strike at the Square D plant, Rita Shaw issued a statement attacking the union-busting strategy of the corporations in Michigan:

"The employers are fully aware of the severe unemployment situation," she said. "They regard unemployment as an ideal weapon against the organized working class. The Square D Company, backed by Big Business in this whole area, tried to use the unemployed to break the strike of the Square D Workers, organized in the independent United Electrical Workers Union.

"The employers thought they had a sure thing in their plan. They relied on the pressure of unemployment and the national red-baiting hysteria to favor their scab-herding formula, a formula that would make strike-breaking a patriotic virtue.

"But the workers of Detroit saw through this ruse. The picket line of the Square D workers was reinforced by CIO and AFL workers, employed and unemployed. After 107 days the bosses had to fold their attempt to smash the union. But they haven't given up. They are sure to try the same game again. And as long as the unions continue to remain tied to the capitalist parties they are fighting with one hand tied behind their backs."

RITA SHAW

'Stable' Economy Means Growing Jobless Army

By Joseph Keller

"Stability is the new economic watchword," wrote business columnist Herbert Koshetz in the Oct. 10 N. Y. Times. "Stability" is a comforting word. Applied to the economy it gives an impression of Gibralter solidity. The various business publications and forecasters tell us that the economic decline has reached a "level plateau" and, maybe, will even rise a bit.

The Oct. 15 U. S. News and World Report foresees that the general business level next year "may average 5 per cent above 1954," production "may edge up," trade "improve somewhat," living costs "will be about the same" and "profit prospects are better for 1955 than for 1954." There's just one "little" economic factor that won't be "stabilized." U. S. News adds:

"Unemployment, however, may not fall much and might even rise as the number seeking work grows."

In fact, you'll find scarcely anyone except the out-and-out liars of the Washington administration — which managed to come out on Oct. 7 with figures showing that there were both less workers employed and less workers unemployed in September than in August — who sees prospects of fewer jobless next year than this. On the contrary, it is expected that in spite of "stability," unemployment will grow steadily.

WHY MORE JOBLESS

Louis F. Licht Jr., economist for the Wall Street firm of Calvin Bullock, has completed what Burton Crane, in the Sept. 19 NY Times, calls "a painstaking, carefully-reasoned preview of basic trends for 1955 and 1956." Licht, too, sees "stability" at least until 1956; but that will mean he says, 5,100,000 unemployed in 1955 and 7,200,000 in 1956.

Because this number of jobless would be "politically dangerous," Crane comments, Licht has "emerged with the conclusion that his predictions must be wrong because the administration, faced with an election in 1956, simply cannot let them happen." **But if "stability is the watchword," then they are going to happen — for two reasons: 1. the population and labor force are steadily expanding; 2. productivity per worker is increasing enormously, especially with the introduction of automation in such key industries as automobiles and electronics.**

These facts were cited by Dr. Leo Barnes, chief economist for Prentice-Hall, Inc., who said on Oct. 12 that he foresaw 4,000,000 unemployed by the end of this year, despite improved business, because of the growing civilian labor force, the rising number of releases from the armed forces and the exceptional leap in industrial productivity.

A VITAL ELEMENT

One vital element of the economics picture is the amount of inventories. The economic decline, that began simultaneously with the end of the fighting in Korea in July 1953, was described by Eisenhower and his economic advisers as an "inventory readjustment." This simply meant that stocks of goods on hand and unsold in manufacturing, wholesale and retail outlets were so great and increasing so rapidly that production was being cut to permit inventories to be reduced. We were assured that this "readjustment" would be completed by March, 1954, when the economic boom would resume.

There was indeed some slight reduction in inventories. But there has been an even more significant development. **What is known as the inventories-sales ratio has worsened. As explained by the Sept. 16 Wall Street Journal, "business firms slashed their inventories sharply in July. But stocks were still higher at the month-end in relation to sales than a year earlier."**

Total inventories amounted to $77.5 billion on July 31, according to the Commerce Department. This was $800 million less than in June and $2.7 billion below the year earlier figure. But July sales fell more than inventories, being $2.2 billion less than in June, and $3 billion below July 1953.

Standard & Poor's made a further survey of inventory-sales ratios in August. This business research agency found that the composite sales of a representative group of manufacturing companies were 22 percent lower in August 1954 than at the peak in April 1953. But inventories in August this year were still higher than in April 1953 despite cuts that followed the all-time high last November. **What has happened is that mass purchasing power has declined faster than inventories. Thus, stocks of goods on hand grow larger in proportion to the market.**

PILED-UP CAPITAL

Another significant fact, unmentioned in the administration's soothing press releases about the economy, is the continued decline in the investments for new capital goods, that is, in spending for improving or expanding economic facilities like factories, mines, railroads, warehouses, stores, etc. . . . The latest estimate for capital spending, as reported in the Sept. 11 Business Week, indicate that for the fourth quarter, capital investment will drop to an annual rate of $25.96 billion. This is $800 million below the third quarter and $2.6 billion less than the actual outlay in the final quarter of 1953. This underlying prop of the economy can hardly be called "stable."

While capital spending dropped 10 percent in a year, the net working capital of U. S. corporations rose another $1.2 billion in the second quarter of 1954, bringing the total to an all-time high of $94.1 billion. **This phenomenal increase in working capital suggests the precarious and unstable position of the economy. Idle capital continues to expand, but profitable investment opportunities contract. The capitalist economy is choked on its own capital. This is the overall contradiction that the capitalists cannot resolve.**

GOP Press Reveals Concern Over Trend

By FRANK LOVELL
SWP Candidate for Governor of Michigan

DETROIT, Oct. 11 — Bread-and-butter or "pork chop" issues, as we call them here, loom large in the coming election in key areas of the country. The Eisenhower administration has been trying to belittle the economic decline. But I notice that the Republican press itself is highly concerned about the effect of unemployment and falling farm incomes on the voting next Nov. 2, just three weeks off. After all, you get the workers and farmers against you and who do you have for you?

The Oct. 7 Wall Street Journal, which doesn't go in for kidding its businessmen subscribers, finds that "pocketbook pressures" are playing an important role in switching a "sizable percentage of Eisenhower admirers who voted Republican two years ago" over to the Democrats or to abstention from voting.

"Their reasons are mostly economic. Some 'switchers' say they can't find a job, or are only working part time. Farmers complain the most about falling prices for their wares. A lot of voters simply report 'things are tight' in their part of the country."

"No. 1 IRRITANT"

In the Oct. 8 U.S. News and World Report, a magazine that seems to spit almost every time it mentions the Democrats, there is the admission:

"With four weeks to go, both parties seem agreed upon this: Democrats are going to win back the House unless a sharp reversal in trends occurs very quickly . . . Republican chances to hold the Senate are about 50-50, no better . . . **Unemployment is the No. 1 irritant. It's in industrial states that the Democratic trend is most noticeable to politicians. Farm-income decline is the No. 2 irritant . . .**"

When you irritate the workers and farmers, who do you have left to please?

U.S. News and World Report goes on to make a very important observation for this period in politics: "Unemployment, even if small, carries a political penalty. Income loss, even if small, is not acceptable to either workers or farmers."

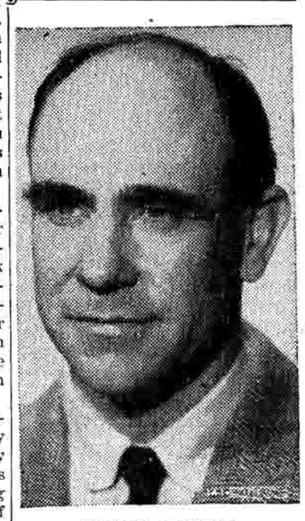
QUICK SHIFT IN VOTES

In other words, it's not like the days of Hoover in 1928-32, when a prolonged major economic cataclysm was needed to shake up the voters and cause a big political shift. Today, the first hint of an economic downslide can set off significant political reactions among a large part of the populace.

This point was sharply made in The Militant last Oct. 26 after the upset of the Republicans in Wisconsin's Ninth Congressional District, a McCarthyite stronghold. **The Militant, which is campaigning for the Socialist Workers Party candidates, observed then that "even a slow economic downslide and a 'small' depression today can set off sweeping political trends, reversals and new tendencies."**

We find complaints about Republican prospects in such pro-Eisenhower papers as Boston's Christian Science Monitor, the N. Y. Times and the Scripps-Howard chain. Everyone stresses the economic factor. William H. Stringer, chief of the Monitor's Washington Bureau, wrote on Oct. 4 that "the foremost issue jeopardizing Republican prospects is unemployment and 'underemployment'," although, he explains, this is "the 'next best year' prosperity-wise in American history."

But, admits Stringer, even this "next best" prosperity has failed to rub off on a lot of people. He writes of "layoffs and loss of overtime in Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Kentucky, Oregon, and other states where close congressional battles are being waged. Coal mining is in a long-term slump, steel production is down one-third, auto factories are closing for retooling, textiles are depressed . . . Farmers are receiving approximately $2,300,000,000 a year less income than when President Eisenhower took the oath of office."



FRANK LOVELL

I was quite interested in the findings of Samuel Lubell, whose sampling method seemed to work so well in the last two national elections. He has written a series of articles for the Scripps-Howard papers, based on interviews with people who had shifted votes in the last election. He concludes that "with the end of the Korean war, the angers and frustrations it stirred have subsided and bread-and-butter economic consideration have emerged as the dominant factor in the campaign."

He tells the story of his interview with a carpenter's wife in Detroit. She said that two years ago, after a long discussion between her and her husband, they had voted for Eisenhower. "We were afraid of another depression, but we also had a son in the Air Force and wanted him home." Now, she told Lubell, they are expecting to vote Democratic because "my son has been laid off and my nephew is out of work."

It seems to me a terribly sad thing that this mother and father, like millions of others, switch their votes back and forth between two parties that between them offer a choice only of war or unemployment — or both. As a matter of fact, reports on registration in many parts of the country indicate that a lot of people don't care who wins the elections. They don't think there's enough difference between Republicans and Democrats to bother to vote. They'd be right, too, if these two capitalist parties were all they could vote for.

NEED LABOR PARTY

I think it quite significant that in New York City, for instance, the total registration for the year was 12 percent below the 1950 total and the lowest since the end of World War II. This was true in formerly heavy Democratic areas, like Harlem, where the Negro community has been badly hit by unemployment. The people there just don't see any real choice between Republicans and Democrats. And in states like Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin both parties are talking about voter "apathy."

The people are really apathetic toward the old parties. They want something new. They want a party with a real program for them. I understand that sentiment and support it. **My party, the Socialist Workers Party, has been advocating the formation of labor's own party for a long time. We've got to end the politics of war and depression. We need a working-class party and a Workers and Farmers government.**

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